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SUBJECT: Antoine BIANCONI
alias BIANCHI

1. Following are notes from review of [] on Subject, which consists essentially of document FPX-5070, dated 28 February 1945, an OSS/SCI report of interrogation of this captured German agent, who was arrested on 26 January 1945 by the BST, Marseille. He had been parachuted on the night of 17 January as a member of a three-man espionage team led by COREGGI, the other member being Subject's friend MATTEI.

2. Subject was born 2 January 1923 at Sartene, Corsica. (Comment: Sartene is also the birthplace of an important Corsican narcotics trafficker, Jean NEBBIA.) Subject had only rudimentary education in Corsica and did some driving work (chauffeur) for his father's trucking concern. During the period 1939-'41 he was in and out of jail in Corsica for theft. In 1942 he moved to Marseille and there was again in and out of jail for theft during the period 1942-May 1944, when he escaped from a prison camp.

3. In 1937 he had joined the Sartene chapter of the PPF, a French rightist organization. In May 1944, while hiding from the police, Subject visited Simon SABIANI, PPF leader and politician in Marseille. SABIANI gave Subject money and protection from both the French and German police and introduced him to Capt. CASABIANCA, who offered him a job in Corsica after training in Paris.

4. Pursuant to this offer, Subject reported to Mr. MARIOTTI, at 23 Ave. Foch, Paris, together with Subject's friend MATTEI. Capt. CASABIANCA explained that they were to do espionage work in Corsica for the Germans and they were given rudimentary training, including use of secret inks.

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